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FOR WORTZEL FROM SCHMIDT

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. CSCE STRATEGY. EUR/RPM IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF CLEAR-
ING AND PUTTING INTO FINAL SHAPE AN OVERALL STRATEGY PAPER
ON THE PRE-MADRID PHASE OF CSCE. THE PAPER WAS REQUESTED
BY THE NSC, AND THE PRC IS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT
IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. (SINCE IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL THAT YOU'LL BE
GETTING ANYTHING MUCH IN "FRONT CHANNEL" ON THIS FOR SOME
TIME YET, WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD APPRECIATE SOME BACKGROUND
ON WHERE WE ARE HEADING.)

2. RPM'S CONCEPT, WHICH WE STRONGLY ENDORSE, IS TO MOVE
FROM POLEMICS TO THE PRACTICAL, TO EMPHASIZE THE BILATERAL
APPROACH AND TO "PRE-COOK" THE RESULTS BEFORE WE SIT DOWN
AT MADRID.

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3. WITH THE EE COUNTRIES THIS WOULD MEAN A MORE-OR-LESS
CONTINUING DIALOG ON CSCE-RELATED TOPICS OVER THE NEXT
YEAR AND A HALF, AIMED AT EXPANDING AREAS OF COOPERATION
AND AGREEMENT. (NATURALLY, THE NATURE OF OUR CONSULTATIONS
WITH YUGOSLAVIA WOULD DIFFER FROM THOSE WITH THE OTHERS.)
RPM'S PLAN INCLUDES SENDING A CSCE TEAM HEADED BY EUR DAS
JIM GOODBY TO SOME EE POSTS IN THE FALL AND NEXT SPRING

(PROBABLY TO POLAND, ROMANIA AND HUNGARY) AND EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF DISCUSSIONS TO INCLUDE SECURITY/ARMS CONTROL TOPICS, SUCH AS MBFR.

4. CSCE COMMISSION TRIP. THE CSCE COMMISSION AND STAFF ARE VERY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE GOODBY TEAM OR IN MAKING SEPARATE TRIPS TO EASTERN EUROPE. IN THIS REGARD, CHAIRMAN FASCELL HAS JUST WRITTEN TO MATT NIMETZ THAT THE COMMISSION IS CONSIDERING A STAFF TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA, HUNGARY AND ROMANIA, TENTATIVELY SEPTEMBER 14-15 TO BELGRADE, SEPTEMBER 18-19 TO BUDAPEST AND SEPTEMBER 20-21 IN BUCHAREST. FASCELL NOTED THAT THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR RECENTLY EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO HIM AND REP. FENWICK TO VISIT ROMANIA, BUT THAT THEY COULD NOT TRAVEL BEFORE THE EASTER RECESS. HE ALSO NOTES THAT SEVERAL COMMISSION STAFFERS HAD DISCUSSED A STAFF VISIT WITH THE HUNGARIAN DCM WHO SEEMED FAVORABLE TO THE IDEA.

5. THE DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF STAFF DIRECTOR SPENCER OLIVER, STAFFERS MARTIN SLETZINGER AND ESTER KURZ AND PROBABLY WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY MARTY MCLEAN, FORMER MEMBER OF EMBASSY BELGRADE STAFF WHO HAS JUST JOINED EUR/RPM AFTER A YEAR IN S/S. THE COMMISSION STAFF DEL IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE QUESTION OF EXPERTS GROUPS AND ESPECIALLY THE MONTREUX MEETING ON PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
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OF DISPUTES AND HAS NOTED YUGOSLAV INTEREST IN THESE TOPICS.

6. WE ALERTED THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY ON AUGUST 29 TO THE PROPOSED VISIT SINCE THE COMMISSION WAS PLANNING TO SUBMIT THEIR VISA APPLICATIONS. WE LEARNED THAT SPENCER OLIVER HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY AND, AS A RESULT, THE EMBASSY ALREADY HAS RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE THE VISAS AND WORD THAT A PROGRAM IS BEING ARRANGED IN BELGRADE. TO MAKE CERTAIN ALL GOES WELL, HOWEVER, WE SUGGEST YOU FOLLOW UP ON YOUR END AFTER RECEIPT OF FORMAL WORD FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON THE "STAFFDEL" VISIT, WHICH WOULD BE WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

7. DRUG TRADEMARK PROBLEM. EB IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE DRUG AND PHARMACEUTICAL LOBBY AND FROM COMMERCE TO PUSH THE YUGOSLAVS HARDER ON THE DRUG TRADEMARK PROBLEM. WE HAVE CONVINCED EB THAT, AT THIS POINT, IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO SEND THE YUGOSLAVS A FORMAL NOTE AND THAT AN INFORMAL APPROACH -- POSSIBLY IN THE BELGRADE ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP MEETING -- IS STILL BEST. TO KEEP THEM ON OUR SIDE, IT

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